

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

DESCRIPTIONS OF CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Beautification, Landscape and Tree

In 1999, the "Tree Removal Subcommittee" began as a vehicle to allow interested City Council Members to express their concerns about trees, to provide more structure to the city's tree removal program, and increase enforcement of Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) and city codes.

The Beautification, Landscape and Tree (BLT) Committee evolved from a further desire of the City Council participants to have a more comprehensive focus and create a more beautiful city through enhanced landscaping elements. Some of the issues addressed by the BLT Committee include:

- the achievement of an on-going qualification as a Tree City, USA;
- long-range program planning by establishing a comprehensive Tree Management Plan and seeking funding for median landscaping and replacement of parkway trees; and
- establishing criteria and guidelines regarding tree removal and replacement

This committee consists of three City Council Members that meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm in the Public Works Conference Room.

Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee reviews and serves as a sounding board for pending business development, redevelopment, and affordable housing activities. Longer-term planning and assessment of issues related to the above are also within the purview of this committee. While the Committee meets monthly, there is an additional meeting on the 4th Friday of every month that focuses on Downtown Issues with many of the Downtown merchants in attendance. As prescribed by Council Action, City Council Members to the Economic Development Committee include the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Last Past Mayor. There is also a Downtown Subcommittee which meets separately.

Intergovernmental Relations

This committee is comprised of three City Council members. They function to preview State & Federal legislation that could have an impact on the City and to provide their recommendations for a city position to the full City Council. The committee also previews recommendations from departments on their priorities for seeking funding each year and provides its recommendation to the full City Council regarding these priorities. They also work directly with the city's State and Federal lobbyists in furthering the city's positions and funding priorities. Assignment to this committee may require some travel to Washington D.C. and Sacramento.

Santa Ana River & Parkway Committee

This committee is comprised of three City Council members. Staff support is provided by Community Services. The members serve as the Council liaisons to the consortium of cities and counties working to develop a long range plan for the Santa Ana River trail.

Currently the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino have completed their vision documents and are working on projects identified in them.

School District/City Committee

The purpose of the School District/City Committee is to provide a forum for the city and school district officials to discuss programs and projects of mutual interest on an informal basis. City participants include three City Council Members, the City Administrator/Deputy City Administrator, and as needed, department directors or staff representatives from Planning, Community Services, and Police. Meetings occur on an as needed basis. Participants from the school district can include board members and superintendents from any or all of the five school districts and community college within the city, but will vary depending on the subject matter.

Southeast Area

The Southeast Issues Committee was established to provide a focal point for addressing issues in the Southeast portion of the City. This Committee, with input from leaders and property owners in the Southeast Area, will also function as the advisory group for Southeast Coastal Redevelopment Project Area. It is comprised of three City Council Members. The committee meets bi-monthly in the odd number months.